

oides, and *Miscanthus sinensis*. (See Fig. 3.) The growth of grass is gradually replaced by *Casuarina*, provided the area is sufficiently free from fire. A stand of young *Casuarina* is very dense and in appearance greatly resembles a stand of young white pine.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CLUB

JANUARY 11, 1916

The annual meeting was held January 11, 1916, at the American Museum of Natural History at 8:15 P.M., President Harper presiding. Twenty-six persons were present.

The minutes of meetings held November 24 and December 14, 1915, were read and approved.

The following persons were nominated for membership: Mr. C. M. Shipman, Rossville, N. Y.; Dr. A. F. Blakeslee, Cold Spring Harbor, N. Y.; Dr. Walter Mendelson, 159 West 74th St., New York; Miss Wanda M. Kirkbride, 1230 Amsterdam Ave., New York; Miss Isabel C. Darrow, 503 W. 121st St., New York; Mr. E. S. Schultz, Columbia University; Miss Edna Adams, Hartsdale, N. Y.; Mr. Edwin L. Keeler, White Plains, R. F. D. No. 1, N. Y.

Mr. Percy Wilson, chairman of the field committee, read the following report:

"Thirty-one field meetings were scheduled by the field committee between Saturday, April 3, and Sunday, October 17. In all there were 488 persons present, an average attendance of 16.

"As some members were unable to attend the Saturday meetings, the field committee was authorized by the club to arrange an occasional field meeting on Sunday. At the eight Sunday meetings held, 123 persons were present, an average attendance of 15.

"The largest attendance of any one of the field meetings, excluding the special field meetings held during the Twentieth Anniversary Celebration of the New York Botanical Garden,

was 41, at the meeting of Sunday, May 9, at Eagle Rock, West Orange, N. J. Forty persons were also present at the following meeting, Saturday, May 15, at Fort Lee, N. J. The largest attendance at the special field meetings held during September was 64 at Great Kills, S. I., on September 8; the second largest was on the excursion to the pine-barrens of New Jersey, September 10, when 50 persons were present. The smallest attendance at any field meeting held during the year was 5.

"The programs announced for July 10 and October 2 were not carried out, one on account of unfavorable weather, the other owing to insufficient attendance.

"As far as practicable, the field committee designated special topics for each field meeting, covering a wide range, as follows: Salt-water algae, fresh-water algae, hepaticae, lichens, woody fungi, fleshy fungi, ascomycetes, mosses, ferns, trees, wild flowers, and fossil plants.

"The chairman or some other member of the field committee personally attended most of the field meetings. Over 1,350 specimens of local plants were collected by the chairman on these excursions, more than half of which have been mounted and added to the local herbarium."

The report was accepted.

Dr. M. Levine, in the absence of the chairman of the committee on membership reported on the work of this committee.

Dr. J. H. Barnhart, chairman of the finance committee, rendered the report of this committee.

Mr. Norman Taylor, Dr. T. E. Hazen and Dr. M. A. Howe reported briefly on the activities of the committees on local flora, with which they are connected.

The committee consisting of Dr. M. Levine, Dr. M. A. Howe and Mr. Norman Taylor, on associate membership, reported through its chairman.

The following amendments to the by-laws were proposed for the committee by Dr. Levine:

1. To substitute for the first two sentences of Article XII, as published in May, 1889, the following:

The Club shall consist of active, associate, corresponding, and honorary members.

"The active members shall be such as are elected under that designation and conform to the regulations of the Club. Associate membership shall be limited to teachers in elementary and high schools and to registered students in colleges and universities."

2. By adding to Article XIV, as amended on December 11, 1906, the following:

"The annual dues for associate members are two dollars. The payment of the annual dues entitles each associate member to receive *TORREYA* and all notices pertaining to activities of the Club."

On the motion of Dr. Gager the proposed amendments were referred to the committee in accordance with the constitutional provisions regarding the adoption of amendments.

The president referred the question to the committee originally proposing the amendment.

The report of the editor, Professor Alexander W. Evans, was read and ordered placed on file.

Mr. Norman Taylor, editor of *TORREYA*, submitted a report relating to the publication of this journal.

The secretary's report was read and accepted.

The report of the treasurer was referred to an auditing committee consisting of Sereno Stetson and T. E. Hazen.

Dr. J. H. Barnhart, delegate to the council of the New York Academy of Sciences, read his report, which was adopted.

Mr. Norman Taylor read the following communication:

"At the meeting of the executive committee of the Wild Flower Preservation Society held on December 15, 1915, it was decided to request the Torrey Botanical Club, to allow the use of *TORREYA* as the official organ of the Club, with the understanding that the Wild Flower Preservation Society of America (Inc.) share whatever additional expense may be incurred, for reprints, etc., and with the expectation that additional subscriptions will be received from its members."

Mr. Taylor then proposed the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, that the editor of *TORREYA* be empowered to print such matters relating to the Wild Flower Preservation Society of

America as are necessary and of sufficient interest and that no extra expense be involved by the Club."

The resolution was adopted.

A vote of thanks was extended to the director of the American Museum of Natural History for the courtesies extended the Club during the past year.

The resignation of Mr. F. Serringhaus was read and accepted.

The following persons were then elected to membership: Mr. C. M. Shipman, Dr. A. F. Blakeslee, Dr. Walter Mendelson, Miss Wanda M. Kirkbride, Mr. E. S. Schultz, Miss Isabel C. Darrow, Miss Edna Adams, Mr. Edwin L. Keeler.

The election of officers for the year 1916 resulted as follows: *President*, R. A. Harper; *Vice-Presidents*, John Hendley Barnhart, Herbert M. Richards; *Secretary and Treasurer*, B. O. Dodge; *Editor*, Alexander W. Evans; *Associate Editors*, Jean Broadhurst, J. A. Harris, Marshall Avery Howe, Herbert M. Richards, A. B. Stout, W. Marquette, Norman Taylor; *Delegate to the Council of the New York Academy of Sciences*, John Hendley Barnhart.

Meeting adjourned.

B. O. DODGE,
Secretary

NOTES AND NEWS ITEMS

DESTROYING THE WILD FLOWERS.—Within a few days our own Russ hordes will begin making incursions into the loveliest regions of Chicago's environs to look at nature's new smiling face. They will be composed of amiable people, yielding to a gracious, esthetic impulse. They will be nice folk, well disciplined, considerate, and kindly.

They will devastate field and wood. They will yank wild flowers out by the roots and scatter withered blossoms along every trolley and railroad track. They will fill baskets with flowers that cannot stand even the trip back into town, and, if they could, would lose most of their beauty when dragged from their proper environment.

It would astonish these folk to tell them that they are exterminating the wild flowers in places accessible from Chicago.